(*b*) Do the Government think that they can realise the money expended on the farm till now by selling it in auction either as a whole or in lots?

(*c*) Is not this farm located at a place which is difficult of access to visitors from the other parts of the State?

(*d*) Will it not be more beneficial if a few sites are chosen either from the reserves or from the waste lands lying close to the main road, and small farms established in two or three places?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to open two or three small farms near the main road as suggested above by means of the funds obtainable by the auction sale of the Konni Pepper Farm either as a whole or in small lots?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Fourteen miles. Access to the farm is by the Konni-Achenkoil trace which, with slight improvements, can be made cartable. The approach road from the trace to the farm is in good condition. Steps have already been taken to convert the trace into a cartable road.

(*b*) The question does not arise as the Government have no intention of selling it.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The pepper farm is meant primarily for conducting large-scale experiments to study the various factors influencing the yield, and these experiments should be carried out on typical lands of large area. When the trace above referred to is improved, the farm will have all the facilities required for an experimental station. Small farms will not afford ample facilities for large-scale experiments, and if they are to be maintained efficiently, the charges on account of establishment will have to be increased considerably. Since the department wanted 300 to 400 acres in a block, and as such sites were not available elsewhere, the present locality was selected.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Admission to the Alwaye Agricultural School.

286. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) What examination qualification has been prescribed for candidates seeking admission to the Agricultural School at Alwaye?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a taluk-war statement showing how many applications from such qualified candidates were received from each taluk and how many of such applications were accepted from each taluk?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the prospectus of the Agricultural School, Alwaye, published on pages 66 and 67 of the Agricultural Sheet of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 26th February, 1924.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

* *Vide* appendix VI—page 997.

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Appendix VI.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 286.**

Talukwar statement of applications received for admission into the Agricultural School, Alwaye.

No.	Name of Taluk.	No. of applications received.	No. selected.
1	Tovala ...	2	1
2	Agastisvaram ...	3	Nil.
3	Kalkulam ...	3	Nil.
4	Vilavankod ...	4	Nil.
5	Neyyattinkara ...	18	2
6	Trivandrum ...	25	2
7	Nedumangad ...	1	Nil.
8	Chirayinkil ...	3	Nil.
9	Quilon ...	4	1
10	Kunnattur ..	1	Nil.
11	Karunagapalli ...	4	1
12	Kartikapalli	4	2
13	Mavelikara ...	9	Nil.
14	Pattanamtitta ...	12	1
15	Tiruvalla ...	41	6
16	Ambalapuzha ...	19	1
17	Kottarakara ...	5	Nil.
18	Pattanapuram ...	1	1
19	Shencottah ...	Nil	Nil.
20	Shertallai ...	5	1
21	Vaikam ...	15	1
22	Kottayam ...	17	1
23	Changanachery ...	11	Nil.
24	Minachil ...	1	Nil.
25	Muvattupuzha ...	4	1
26	Todupuzha ...	2	Nil.
27	Kunnatnad ...	21	2
28	Parur ...	13	5
29	Devicolam ...	Nil	Nil.
30	Peermade ...	2	Nil.

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